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In the application of:

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APPARATUS

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Sir:

In response to the Action dated September 1, 2006, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the presence of allowable subject matter in claims 3-13.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over O'Sullivan U.S. Patent No. 5,494,043 in view of Chesney U.S. Patent No. 6,544,188. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Even if combined as proposed, the combination constructed by the Examiner is not the claimed invention.

Claim 1 recites a sensor unit having a pressure sensitive portion and a device adapted for fixing a living organism. The fixing device includes a fixing stand for fixing the living organism